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NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - May 9, 2007

United States Attorney Karen P. Hewitt announced the filing of a criminal complaint charging TYRICO ZIJUAN TYLER with possession of child pornography.

According to the complaint, on or about May 9, 2007, TYRICO ZIJUAN TYLER possessed at least one image on loose computer media that contained images of a female minor, approximately seven years old, engaging in sexually explicit conduct with an adult male.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Alessandra P. Serano, who is prosecuting the case, TYLER was arrested today after Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agents executed a search warrant on Tyler's residence in La Mesa where agents found images of child pornography. Tyler is expected to be arraigned tomorrow before United States Magistrate Judge Nita L. Stormes.

According to court documents, Tyler is a teacher at Lemon Grove Middle School.

This case is being brought as part of Project Safe Childhood. In February 2006, Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales created Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorneys' Offices, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov.

DEFENDANT

TYRICO ZIJUAN TYLER

Case Number: 07MG1017

SUMMARY OF CHARGES

Title 18, United States Code, Section and 2252(a)(4)(B) (Possession of Child Pornography)
Maximum Penalty: 10 years' incarceration and \$250,000 fine.

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Immigration and Customs Enforcement

A complaint is not evidence that the defendant committed the crime charged. The defendant is presumed innocent until the United States meets its burden in court of proving guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.